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The jury examined 345 witnesses, and found 115 indictments, the greater portion of which were for selling intoxicating liquors, larceny, and assault. Of the first mentioned, Bobbinger Brothers, proprietors of Cabin John Hotel, this county, have the largest number of indictments to face. In addition to a money fine, should the defendants be found guilty, the court may also impose an imprisonment sentence.

The grand jury's report relating to the county jail is in part as follows:

"The prisoners appeared generally cheerful—probably the sight of many new faces—no complaints of ill treatment were made. Inspecting closely, the jury finds fault with the quality of food as prepared, especially the sour, dark, soggy, and indigestible cooking, bread seen there, and which, we learn, forms the greater part of the prison fare."

"We see loose management and slovenly housekeeping, in throwing from a downstairs window into the jail yard what the jailer called 'only water,' but which appeared to be fish water, and water from soiled fish, as the window sill, and wall directly under it, are stained and discolored, evidently from this long established misuse, and also the finding of wet ground littered with fish scales, and at least one rotting fish, this being in the prison yard, directly under the cell windows; odors cannot fail to rise, and, if possible, increase the stench and the danger of a pestilential outbreak, which continually threatens from the constant presence of the jail slop cart—an uncovered metallic receptacle—probably four to six barrels capacity, for receiving the night soil and filth of the establishment, which is unreasonably nauseating, horrible, and disgusting. The constant and serious danger it presents of an epidemic of fever and disease, extends beyond the jail, to the grounds and houses around. This cart, we learn, is removed and emptied bi-monthly, and sometimes oftener, depending on the number of prisoners, but not until well-filled."

Is Reflection on Civilization.

"If, as is said, the civilization and refinement of a community are measured by its toilet facilities, and the jail might well call our people barbarous. The health authorities, or the county commissioners, should certainly devise some different means and provide decent accommodations. The county, or, possibly, the county and village of Rockville jointly, might well go to considerable expense to remedy this menacing evil."

Continuing, the report ends in this manner:

"We find inside the most meager arrangements for feeding the prisoners, and the food we saw, as prepared, was unfit for any one. The bedding was filthy, and entirely inadequate. Because of inadequate bedding, apparently, the prisoners were crowded four and five together in small cells, which we consider most insanitary, and liable to produce tuberculosis, diphtheria, and other diseases. We consider it most degrading to the prisoners to be treated in this way."

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Residents of the Valley of Virginia are very much interested in getting a through service to Baltimore, which would be possible if the lease is made. They have appealed to the company, but have not yet been given a final answer. Mayor Timanus has also been approached, and has promised to use the good offices of the city in trying to get the kind of service demanded, but he has not yet been asked by the Virginians to take up the matter formally with the railroad company.

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Annapolis, Md., Nov. 26.—The Noel Construction Company, of Baltimore, to-day practically won another of the big government contracts at the Naval Academy, when it was awarded the Lafta & Terry Company, a Philadelphia concern, for the construction of the naval experiment station to be erected at old Fort Madison, across the Severn from the Academy.

Farmer Suffers Heavy Loss.

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Elkton, Md., Nov. 26.—Fire early yesterday morning destroyed the large barn of William J. Carney's farm, near Rising-sun. The flames spread so rapidly that the farmer lost everything he had on his farm—five horses, eight cows, calves, fowls, the farm poultry, and this year's crops and all his farming implements. The loss is estimated at \$4,000, with a small insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

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Mayor Timanus arranged to-day for a conference on next Wednesday with President Venable, of the park board, and Adjt. Gen. Clinton L. Riggs, of the State militia, when the question of the future of Fort M'Henry will be thoroughly discussed. The mayor thinks the property should be turned over to the city by the government when the regular troops are withdrawn, and that it should be converted into a park, with the right to use it reserved to the local militia regiment and the Naval Reserve.

In the meantime the mayor has secured the co-operation of Congressmen Wacker, Gill, and Mudd in lodging protests at the War Department against turning the old fort into a cattle quarantine, but no definite plan for the future of the post will be prepared until after the conference on Wednesday.

Gen. F. C. Latrobe said that he was opposed to the abandonment of Fort M'Henry, and a cattle pen is especially offensive to him.

"Back in the late '70s, when I was mayor of Baltimore," he said, "the government officials of this nation, as they have now, to abandon it as useless for purposes of defense. A movement was started by me to turn over to Baltimore to be used as a park. I went to Washington to talk the matter over with Gen. Grant, who was then President. As soon as I stated the nature of my errand he said: 'The thing for you to do, General, is to have the fort maintained as at present. That good is Governors Island as a protection to New York. Not what I want, but the people of New York would set up an immense howl if the government attempted to take it away from there. It was not long ago when the Federal Government was begging for permission to use the troops at Fort M'Henry to quell the railroad riots. Militia is useless in a trouble of that kind. One of your local regiments was scattered all over the place, and it was in Camden Station. It is not often that you need Federal troops, but when you do, you want them—badly and you want them quick.'"

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